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TENNESSEE LEGISLATURE NAMES THE CODES PROP HOUSE AT THE TENNESSEE FIRE SERVICE AND CODES ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM J. TANGYE

Bell Buckle, TN. - The Codes Prop House at the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy has been dedicated by action of the Tennessee General Assembly to the memory of the late William J. Tangye.

Tangye, a renowned and respected CEO of both the International Code Council and Southern Building Code Congress, had a long and distinguished career. He was a registered professional engineer in several states, as well as a registered fire protection engineer in California. He was also appointed by President Ronald Reagan as one of twelve public members of the U. S. Architectural Transportation Barriers Compliance Board and was later elected Chairman.

"Bill", as he was known to family and friends, was committed to providing training and technical assistance to all code enforcement personnel. He believed that there was no higher calling than to protect the public and was often quoted as saying "Assuring the public safety in the built environment is, in my view, the highest form of public service." Mr. Tangye passed away June 1, 2002.

The Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy, located on 330 acres 15 miles south of Murfreesboro, is the state training facility for both codes enforcement and fire service personnel. The 15 building campus is the premier educational facility that offers the latest in training technology, including dedicated structures for training of codes enforcement and fire services. The Codes Prop House, an example of the dedicated training structures, is a one-of-a-kind residential two-story building with built in commonly encountered code violations. But what is most unique is that the building's structure has violations that are built into the design while allowing other violations to be changed or altered.

"Given Bill's leadership in the training of code officials, it is quite fitting that such a innovative training tool be dedicated to such a remarkable person." stated Denny J. Boss, Codes Program Director for the Fire and Codes Academy.

The Tennessee Building Officials Association provided a sign to be mounted on the front wall, naming the codes prop house the "William J. Tangye Codes Prop House". A dedication ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 7th at 1 p.m. The Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy will also display a memorial plaque inside the building in honor of Mr. Tangye. The ceremony is open to the public.

Any media wishing to cover this event should contact Karen Alexander at 931.294.4111 or toll free at 800.747.8868.